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Applicant: BRIAN REYNOLDS et al. Confirmation No.: 8402  
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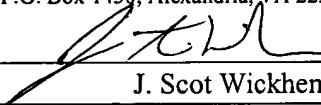
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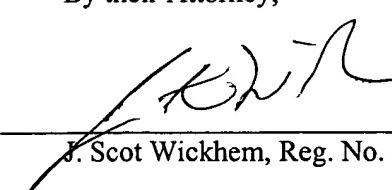
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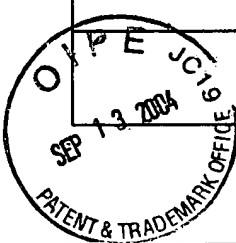
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,402,829	04/04/1995	Takikawa et al.		01/17/2003
	6,464,651	10/15/2002	Hiejima et al.		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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